GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AYURVEDA,YOGA & NATUROPATHY,UNANI,SIDDHA AND HOMEOPATHY (AYUSH)
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:500
ANSWERED ON:07.04.2017
Traditional Medical Knowledge System
Panda Shri Baijayant "Jay"

Will the Minister of AYURVEDA,YOGA & NATUROPATHY,UNANI,SIDDHA AND HOMEOPATHY (AYUSH) be pleased to state:

Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA AND NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY (AYUSH) be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Indian stance on traditional knowledge in the recently held Inter-Governmental Committee (IGC) meetings at the World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO);

(b) whether the Government has formulated a national policy on traditional knowledge and traditional medical knowledge systems in the country; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the action taken by the Government to protect indigenous traditional knowledge and medical knowledge systems?

Answer

ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE (IC) OF THE MINISTRY OF AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY
(SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK)

(a) to (c): A statement is laid on the Table of the House

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA
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(a): India's consistent stance has been to prevent misappropriation of all forms of traditional knowledge including traditional medicinal knowledge which may subsist in codified or non-codified form and may be publicly available.
(b) &(c) No. However, the Ministry of AYUSH (the then Department of AYUSH), in collaboration with Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR), has established Traditional Knowledge Digital Library (TKDL) for prevention of grant of patents on non-original inventions by International Patent offices like European Patent office, United States Patent & Trademark office, Japan Patent office etc. on Indian Systems of Medicine such as Ayurveda, Unani and Siddha.

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